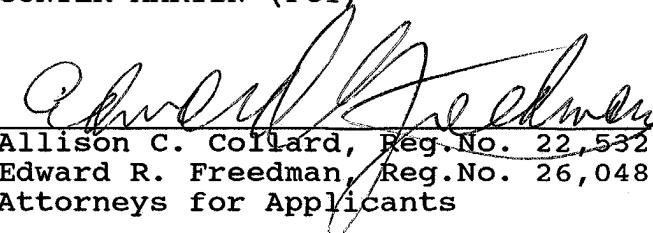


been amended to delete a multiple dependency and an Abstract has been provided. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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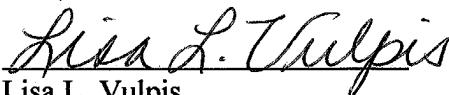

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EXHIBIT A

**Marked-up Version of Prior Pending
Claim 18 Showing the Changes Made**

18. (Amended) The surface acoustic wave filter according to claim 15 [or 16], characterized in that the source intensity function and the reflection function are determined by means of an optimization method.